

PART 2000 - General

SUBPART X - JOINT STATEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

§2000.1151 General.

Exhibit A is a joint Statement by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior. The Statement provides policy for making and servicing Rural Development loans to Indians with special provisions for loans that are secured by trust or restricted land.

§2000.1152 State supplements.

The Rural Development State Director should arrange with the Area Director or other appropriate local official of the Bureau of Indian Affairs as to the manner in which information will be requested and furnished.

§§2000.1153 - 2000.1200 [Reserved]

Attachment: Exhibit A

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Administration
General

JOINT STATEMENT
by
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
and
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Loans by Farmers Home Administration to Indians, and to Permittees and Lessees on Indian trust or restricted lands.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior executed a Memorandum of Understanding on August 27, 1957, and July 26, 1957, respectively, the purpose of which was to outline the general procedures to be followed by Rural Development and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on loans by the Rural Development to the Indians, and

WHEREAS, the working relationships between Rural Development and BIA have now been well established and are understood by field personnel, it is mutually agreed that the detailed provisions of said memorandum are no longer necessary; and

WHEREAS, we deem it advisable that Indian applicants for Rural Development financing should be treated in the same manner as non-Indians;

THEREFORE, it is agreed that said memorandum of understanding is hereby nullified and henceforth applications from Indians for loans will be handled by Rural Development in the same manner as applications from non-Indians, except in those instances where Indian trust or restricted property is involved. When a lien is to be taken on trust or restricted property

in connection with a loan to be made or insured by Rural Development, the BIA will assist Rural Development to the fullest extent necessary in accordance with the statutory requirements affecting such property. This will include furnishing advice requested by Rural Development as to conditions under which BIA will approve a lien on the property. It is further agreed that upon request by Rural Development, BIA will furnish relevant information which it has with respect to the property and the individual loan applicant including that on his reputation for industry and payment of debts.

December 2, 1968

Date

/s/ Orville L. Freeman

Secretary of Agriculture

November 21, 1968

Date

/s/ Stewart L. Udall

Secretary of Interior